ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

ON a Canadian Pacific Railway train speeding eastward through the Rockies in swirls of snow, I have been reading "Hiroshima Diary," a Japanese doctor's vivid account of the events that followed the explosion of the world's first nuclear bomb.

This horrifying narrative, lately published in a pocket edition, should be required reading for everyone. I recommend it especially for the people who say that the atomic bomb is just another weapon, the people who urge us to stop fretting about the possibility of another war.

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The members of the "everything is going to be all right" brigade and the "why worry?" faction might be jolted out of their stupor by some of the things in this book.

It might prove a tonic for these deluded souls to read how tens of thousands of humans were instantly dissolved into vapor; hundreds of thousands more were fried alive and hundreds of thousands killed slowly by the seeds of death which radiation had planted in their flesh.

Some survived for a time, with half the flesh melted off their faces and bodies. Some wandered the ruined streets naked, their clothes having been blown off. Many seemed to have been shocked into a trance.

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"It was a horrible sight," said Dr. Tabuchi. "Hundreds of injured people who were trying to escape to the hills passed our house . . . Their faces and hands were burned and swollen; and great sheets of skin had peeled away from their tissues to hang like rags on a scarecrow.

"They moved like a line of ants. All through the night, they went past our house, but this morning they had stopped. I found them lying on both sides of the road so thick that it was impossible to pass without stepping on them . . .

"They had no faces . . . It was hard to tell front from back. One soldier, whose features had been destroyed . . . asked me for some water, but I didn't have any. I clasped my hands and prayed for him . . . His plea for water must have been his last words . . ."

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Those who survived, many of them desperately hurt, could find little shelter or medical aid in the shattered city. Tens of thousands—grandfathers, mothers and small babies among them—lay for weeks in filth inside makeshift hospitals.

Since Hiroshima, bombs many times more terrible have been made. The fallout from a number of them would very likely poison much of the earth, if not all of it.

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I looked out the train window at the seemingly endless expanse of trees and valleys and enormous white peaks half-hidden by the flickering curtain of snow. It was a big country. But did it really offer any place to hide? I doubted it.

HARRY HAIGH
". . . all I did was . . ."

Nice Work, Harry—Court It's Coming Back—Harry

Harry Haigh, 1586 Rockland, well-known Victoria junk dealer and former aldermanic and mayoral candidate, reaped the reward of two busy weeks when he appeared in city police court yesterday.

Two weeks ago, following trial on a charge of maintaining a junkyard at his home in Victoria's poshest residential area, he was given until yesterday to clean up what he himself called "a very messy yard."

Yesterday he reappeared before Magistrate William Ostler to hear the outcome.

City inspector Alex James informed the court that he had looked over the Haigh property again at noon on April 1.

"There has been considerable improvement," he reported. "There is still quite a bit of stuff lying around, but the basis of the charge was junk and there is not enough of this around now to press the charge further."

Said Magistrate Ostler: "It is commendable that you have cleared up your yard to the extent you have. Be sure it doesn't fall into a state where it will again come under the statute."

"Your honor," said the accused, "all I did was store the stuff in a shed. I'm using it on a job in the house, and now I'll have to carry it back . . ."

"You will be fined $25," said the magistrate.

Monkey 'Muzzle' Appeases Critics?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military was reported Friday to be stamping as "confidential" all information about space monkeys, and representative John Moss, chairman of the House government information subcommittee, wants to know why.

People connected with the Moss group suspect that all the hush-hush is to avoid offending those in India who worship monkeys and those at home who complain of inhumane treatment of animals.

Oldest of its type in Canada, the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec was founded in 1824.

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Argument on Forests

'Freedom' Plan Charted by CCF

VANCOUVER (CP)—A broad policy of socialization, including public ownership of power and telephone services, but not of forests, was presented Friday to the provincial CCF convention as a base for the party's platform in the next general election in B.C.

Provincial leader Robert Strachan said he expects the election next year.

"I expect this convention to lay down a policy which will chart a course to economic freedom for the productive workers of our province," said Mr. Strachan.

"We must lay down a first-term policy which can be carried out by a CCF government. We must make no promises to the people unless we are sure such promises can be carried out."

The socialization policy says a CCF government would not take over existing forestry operations, but would revamp forestry administration to give the B.C. Forest Service greater control.

Victoria CCF group opposed the power policy and urged acquisition of B.C. Telephone, while Victoria, Cranbrook and Point Grey wanted CCF government participation in forest industries.

Opposition to the forestry plan caused the convention to bog down last night in a welter of argument.

Policy also pledges the CCF to more aid for UBC, more hospital insurance coverage and no progressive school taxation on land.

Christine Can't Marry Without Proof of Sex

NEW YORK (UPI) — Ex-GI Christine Jorgensen was turned down for a marriage licence yesterday because of inadequate proof of her femininity.

City clerk Herman Katz refused to issue the licence to the 33-year-old Christine and her fiance, Howard Knox, 38, a Washington statistician, because Christine's birth certificate lists her as a male.

"I'm very disappointed," Christine said.

But Katz left the door open for Christine to return for another try if she brings adequate evidence of her sex.

Christine's attorney, Roger Cowan, said that application would be made to the U.S. state department to get the sex listing on Miss Jorgensen's birth certificate changed to female.

Socred Backers Hit by Strachan

VANCOUVER (CP)—CCF leader Robert Strachan said yesterday the Social Credit government's Bill 43, passed at the recent session of the legislature, is anti-worker legislation sponsored by employees who also will foot the bills for Social Credit campaigning and propaganda.

Mr. Strachan, in his report to the B.C. and Yukon CCF annual meeting, said big business supported the legislation, which forbids sympathy picketing and makes unions and employer organizations liable to suit.

The same big business, he said, would make vast sums available to the Social Credit party to promote acceptance of the legislation and to use in the next provincial election.

"This is a challenge, not only to the trade union movement but to the CCF, because we can't spend the kind of money that Premier Bennett is going to have in the next election," he said.

Grace MacInnis, provincial CCF president, said the party must work vigorously with the B.C. Federation of Labor to be ready for the broader CCF-Labor political movement when the time comes for it.

Harold Thayer, provincial secretary-treasurer, told the meeting that membership in the CCF in B.C. has increased by 24 per cent during the last year.

As delegates began arriving Friday, the Labor-Progressive Party handed out copies of a letter suggesting the two parties join in a united front against Social Credit.

Mr. Strachan rejected any such proposal, stating: "They have demonstrated in the past that any offer of help is designed to undermine the CCF. We don't want help from that outfit."

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Two Hospitals Get Surplus

Six Institutions Share Bumper Bloom Harvest

Bushels of blossoms were contributed from Greater Victoria gardens yesterday to amply supply The Daily Colonist Share the Flowers distribution to rest homes and hospitals.

So bountiful was the response to the call for spring flowers to brighten the rooms and bedsides of shut-ins that there was a spill-over of blossoms to hospitals, not on the schedule.

After generous supplies had been delivered to Rest Haven Hospital in Sidney, Rose Manor, Mountain View Home and Mount St. Mary Hospital, there were flowers to spare for the Chinese Hospital and Gorge Nursing Home.

The distribution was the second successful Share the Flowers program this year. In March, flowers, donated by generous growers to bring spring to shut-ins, were delivered to Royal Jubilee, Veterans' and St. Joseph's Hospitals.

This year marked the fifth annual Share the Flowers program.

Before yesterday's delivery the collection point at the Colonist downtown office was crowded with daffodils, hyacinths, primula, forsythia and magnolias.

Donors included:

Herbert Amos, 5260 Patricia Bay Highway; Frank Doyle, 5375 Old West Road; Rehm's Landscaping, 4160 Quadra Street; Mrs. E. M. Millard, 721 University Street; Mrs. James Jarvie, 4020 Carey Road; W. T. Ingram, 826 Seymour Avenue; Mrs. C. F. Ellison, 1023 Hulford Street; Mrs. C. E. Carey, 1035 Cloverdale Avenue; Mrs. J. M. Dyer, 267 Battleford Avenue; Mrs. Arthur Cottrell, 3332 Aldridge Street; K. G. Paddon, 3009 Ferndale Road; Mrs. J. S. White, 4296 Tyndall Avenue; Mrs. A. W. McKilligan, 4200 Tyndall Avenue; Mrs. L. F. Dawes, 1850 San Juan Avenue; Mrs. M. L. Sayward-Wilson, 2670 Queenswood Drive; Mr. Ernest Wright, 4230 Gordon Head Road; Mrs. Norman Sargeant, 726 St. Patrick Street; Mrs. T. A. Crawford, 2609 Orchard Avenue; Miss E. Mejville, 3495 Upper Terrace; Mrs. C. P. Rutherford, 2129 McNeill Avenue; Mrs. J. D. Watts, 2385 Woodlayn Crescent; Mrs. O. M. Jones, 599 Island Road; Harold Conolly, 469 Ker Avenue; Mrs. Sydney Fraser, 1154 Craigflower Road; Mrs. B. E. Anderson, 534 Langford Street; Mrs. Hilda Howes, 2940 Austin Avenue; Mrs. G. L. Lloyd, 388 King George Terrace; Mrs. Biggerstaffe Wilson, 1770 Rockland Avenue; Mrs. W. E. Bardsley, 1421 Mitchell Street; Mrs. A. C. N. Smith, 167 Passmore Street; Mrs. W. R. Arnold, 441 Arnold Avenue; Mrs. A. G. Moodie, 12 Marlborough Street; Mrs. G. S. Andrews, 4325 Blenkinsop Road; Mrs. J. M. Gunning, 3890 Old Esquimalt Road; Mrs. W. S. Duncan, 837 Old Esquimalt Road; Mrs. W. H. Leake, 628 Garbally Road; Mrs. D. S. Prosser, 1124 Mount Newton Crossroad; Joseph Williams, 911 Market Street.

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The Weather

April 4, 1959

Cloudy with a few showers, becoming overcast with rain by tonight. Little change in temperature. Winds southeasterly 15, veering to westerly 20 tonight. Friday's precipitation, .03 inches; sunshine, 54 minutes. Sunday's outlook, cloudy.

Recorded Temperatures
High ------ 48 Low ------ 37

Forecast Temperatures
High ------ 50 Low ------ 40
Sunrise -- 5.47 Sunset -- 6.48

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy with a few showers, becoming overcast with rain by tonight. Little change in temperature. Winds light, increasing to southeasterly 20 in afternoon. High and low at Nanaimo, 50 and 38. Sunday's outlook, scattered showers.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy with showers, becoming overcast with rain by this afternoon. Little change in temperature. Winds southerly 25 this morning shifting to westerly 20 tonight. High and low at Estevan Point, 48 and 38. Sunday's outlook, scattered showers.

TEMPERATURES

	Low	High	Precip.
St. John's	31	40	--
Halifax	33	45	--
Montreal	32	42	.01
Ottawa	32	40	.20
Toronto	30	43	.39
Port Arthur	29	43	--
Kenora	31	39	--
Winnipeg	30	41	--
Brandon	27	53	--
The Pas	5	18	.10
Regina	23	50	--
Saskatoon	27	56	--
Prince Albert	24	39	--
North Battleford	31	57	--
Swift Current	27	58	--
Medicine Hat	29	63	--
Lethbridge	33	62	--
Calgary	29	60	--
Edmonton	33	54	trace
Kimberley	31	56	--
Crescent Valley	26	53	--
Kaslo	28	46	--
Grand Forks	28	60	--
Kamloops	34	61	--
Penticton	33	59	--
Vancouver	35	46	.03
Prince Rupert	34	46	.56
Prince George	34	53	.01
Whitehorse	23	40	--
Seattle	34	58	--
Portland	35	65	--
San Francisco	56	77	--
Los Angeles	50	70	--
Spokane	30	58	--
New York	41	60	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
4	02.05	7.5	06.53	6.0	12.01	7.1	18.42	8.7
5	01.32	7.6	07.32	5.2	13.00	7.0	19.26	6.1
6	01.46	7.7	08.08	4.5	13.53	7.0	20.05	4.5
7	02.10	7.8	08.45	3.9	14.47	6.9	20.40	5.0
8	02.34	7.9	09.20	3.5	15.37	6.9	21.14	5.5
9	02.57	7.9	09.55	3.4	16.25	6.8	21.45	5.9
10	03.19	7.9	10.32	3.9	18.51	6.9	22.16	6.3
11	03.38	7.	11.10	2.7	20.16	7.0	22.47	6.7
12	03.56	7.8	11.51	2.7	21.18	7.2	23.20	7.0
13	03.54	7.	12.34	2.9	22.16	7.4	23.56	7.3
14	03.36	7.7	13.20	2.9	23.05	7.3	----------	

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
4	03.07	10.6	09.10	6.7	14.27	8.9	20.34	4.7
5	03.39	10.5	09.45	6.0	15.32	9.1	21.21	5.2
6	04.09	10.3	10.17	5.3	16.30	9.4	22.04	5.7
7	04.35	10.2	10.46	4.7	17.20	9.6	22.44	6.1
8	04.45	10.1	11.15	4.2	18.08	9.8	23.23	6.5
9	05.05	10.0	11.45	3.8	18.52	10.0		
10	00.02	7.4	05.25	9.9	12.15	3.6	19.39	10.1
11	00.44	7.8	05.48	9.8	12.47	3.5	20.25	10.2
12	01.26	8.2	06.14	9.7	13.25	3.5	21.14	10.2
13	02.21	8.6	06.49	9.5	14.08	3.6	22.06	10.2
14	03.28	8.8	07.14	9.3	14.49	3.8	23.07	10.2

Queen Star Of First Space TV?

BOSTON (UPI) — First trans-Atlantic television transmission is expected in June, a Boston newspaper said yesterday.

The dispatch said:

"Hush-hush negotiations are going on for a telecast while Queen Elizabeth is in the Western hemisphere, which will be transmitted with the help of a satellite put into space by the United States."

This could become "a grand rehearsal" for regular TV transmissions across the Atlantic, now impossible for lack of relay stations.

STARTED AT BOTTOM

Sir Edmond Boyd Osler, the Toronto financier who died in 1924, began his career as a bank clerk.

Ship Calendar

NAVY

HMCS St. Laurent and Saguenay arrived yesterday from Atlantic Command.

HMCS Kootenay left yesterday for Halifax.

HMCS Jonquiere and New Waterford return today from Vancouver.

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